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and we know what the world is like, as Senator Beutler pointed out, whether you want to be in the economic marketplace of competition--we are, and all of the states have economic development programs with which they compete, and they compete vigorously, an average 24 programs per state, and these are ours. These are the ones we developed. These are the ones we put in place. These are the ones that attracted 350 applications and those applications document 71,000 jobs. And we said this program will last for 15 years. And we've had it so long that some people have completed their performance. Some people are in the middle of their contracts. Some people who want to create 20,000 jobs have 160-some applications waiting. This really is an important statement. The reason we support the bracket motion is not to...not to be divided among ourselves, not to be divided against business, not to be divided against the Governor or anything else. We do it because, upon reflection, which is what this debate has allowed us to do, upon reflection, this is not an idea we should advance. And this is the time and this is the place to say that when you come to Nebraska, when you file an application, when you negotiate a contract, when you finance your investment based upon cash flows and pro formas that say you will have such and such a credit, that if you perform your portion of the bargain, we will perform ours and you can go to the bank on it, so to speak. You can create the jobs. You can help us grow the state the way we want it to grow. I urge you to support the bracket motion. Thank you for your time and attention.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is, shall the bill be bracketed? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Senator Brashear, for what point do you rise?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I'd like a roll call vote, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In reverse order, please.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: There's been a request for a roll call vote by Senator Brashear. Senator Chambers requested reverse order. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.